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1. IN RECENT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, COLOMBIA SOUGHT U.S.

SUPPORT FOR ITS ACCESSION TO GATT AT "NO COST," WHILE U.S. INSISTED THAT THERE MUST BE A PRICE, BUT A PRICE THAT GOC COULD PAY CONSISTENT WITH ITS TRADE, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. U.S. CONSIDERING RESPONDING TO THEIR REQUEST IN CONTEXT OF MTN NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER.

2. U.S. COULD SUPPORT COLOMBIAN ACCESSION TO THE GATT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MTN ON THE BASIS OF A PACKAGE OF CONCESSIONS OFFERED DURING THE MTN WHICH WOULD INCLUDE CONTRIBUTIONS BOTH FOR GATT ACCESSION AND FOR CONCESSIONS RECEIVED BY COLOMBIA IN THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS. THE U.S. WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE ANY NECESSITY TO SPECIFY WHICH CONCESSIONS IN THE PACKAGE WERE FOR GATT ACCESSION OR FOR MTN CONTRIBUTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE VALUE OF THE TOTAL PACKAGE MUST REFLECT THE FACT THAT IT IS FOR BOTH PURPOSES.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS OF ADDRESSEES ON

FEASIBILITY OF THIS APPROACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING EVALUATION OF PROBABLE REACTIONS OF OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES. THE APPROACH SUGGESTED IS SIMILAR TO THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED DURING THE KENNEDY ROUND BY FOUR COUNTRIES WHICH ACCEDED TO GATT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. DEPARTMENT WILL IN THE LIGHT OF ADDRESSEE COMMENTS FORMULATE DEFINITIVE POSITION WHICH WILL BE SENT TO EMBASSY BOGOTA AND ADDRESSEES. KISSINGER

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